

## OPINION 806

GYMNETIS MACLEAY, 1819 (INSECTA, COLEOPTERA):  
DESIGNATION OF A TYPE-SPECIES UNDER THE PLENARY  
POWERS

**RULING.**—(1) Under the plenary powers all designations of type-species, made prior to the present Ruling, for the nominal genus *Gymnetis* MacLeay, 1819, are hereby set aside, and the nominal species *Scarabaeus lanius* Linnaeus, 1758, is hereby designated to be the type of that genus.

(2) The following generic names are hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology with the Name Numbers specified:

- (a) *Gymnetis* MacLeay, 1819 (gender : masculine), type-species, by designation under the plenary powers in (1) above, *Scarabaeus lanius* Linnaeus, 1758 (Name No. 1750);
- (b) *Cotinis* Burmeister, 1842 (gender : feminine), type-species, by designation by Casey, 1915, *Gymnetis mutabilis* Gory & Percheron, [1836] (Name No. 1751).

(3) The following specific names are hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Numbers specified:

- (a) *lanius* Linnaeus, 1758, as published in the binomen *Scarabaeus lanius* (type-species of *Gymnetis* MacLeay, 1819) (Name No. 2190);
- (b) *mutabilis* Gory & Percheron, [1836], as published in the binomen *Gymnetis mutabilis* (type-species of *Cotinis* Burmeister, 1842) (Name No. 2191).

## HISTORY OF THE CASE (Z.N.(S.) 1641)

The present case was submitted to the office of the Commission by Dr. Michael A. Goodrich in March 1964. Dr. Goodrich's application was sent to the printer on 13 July 1964 and was published on 31 December 1964 in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **21** : 429-431. Public Notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the present case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the other prescribed serial publications (Constitution Art. 12b; *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **21** : 184) and to seven entomological serials. The application was supported by Dr. T. J. Spilman, Dr. Edward A. Chapin, Dr. J. T. Wiebes, Mrs. Patricia Vaurie, and Prof. George W. Byers.

## DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 19 September 1966 the Members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (66)53 either for or against the proposal set out in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **21** : 430-431. It was pointed out on the Voting Paper that the correct gender for *Cotinis* is feminine, as fixed by the original author, and not masculine, as appeared in the published application. At the close of the prescribed voting period on 19 December 1966 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative votes—twenty-three (23), received in the following order: Boschma, Holthuis, Simpson, Mayr, Vokes, Obruchev, China, Bonnet, Lemche,

Uchida, Jaczewski, Binder, Munroe, Brinck, Sabrosky, Tortonese, Alvarado, Ride, Stoll, Kraus, Mertens, Forest, Evans.

Negative votes—none (0).

Voting Papers not returned—two (2): do Amaral, Hubbs.

#### ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for names placed on Official Lists by the Ruling given in the present Opinion:

*Cotinis* Burmeister, 1842, *Handb. Ent.* 3 : 254

*Gymnetis* MacLeay, 1819, *Horae Ent.* 1 (1) : 152

*lanius*, *Scarabaeus*, Linnaeus, 1758, *Syst. Nat.* (ed. 10) 1 : 352

*mutabilis*, *Gymnetis*, Gory & Percheron, [1836], *Mon. Cétoines* (13) : 334

The following is the original reference for the designation of a type-species for a genus concerned in the present Ruling:

For *Cotinis* Burmeister, 1842 : Casey, 1915, *Mem. Coleopt.* 6 : 277

#### CERTIFICATE

We certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (66)53 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that Voting Paper has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 806.

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